

## SPECIAL MEETING – MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

January 30, 2012

Mayor Elizabeth Paterson called the special meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Building.

### I. ROLL CALL

Present: Keane, Kochenburger, Lindsey, Moran, Paterson, Paulhus, Ryan, Shapiro, Schaefer

### II. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Ric Hossack, Middle Turnpike, asked where the money for the Police Study consultants came from; questioned the results of the survey since only 200 residents participated; commented that the clearing ratio for crimes was very low and asked if the Town will need to purchase shotguns for the new troopers. Mr. Hossack also asked what portion of the ticket money does the town receive and whether or not the Town has used the noise machines.

David Freudmann, Eastwood Road, asked if there is a crime wave in Town and if there is currently a problem with police response time. Mr. Freudmann stated we need to save money.

Betty Wassmundt, Old Turnpike Road, agreed with Mr. Freudmann's comments. Ms. Wassmundt also told Council members that it would be unethical for them to vote on the proposed Ethics Ordinance as they are subject to its requirements. (Statement attached)

### III. OLD BUSINESS

#### 1. Police Services Study

Town Manager Matt Hart discussed the additional efforts taken by the Police Study Steering Committee to obtain citizen and advisory committee feedback and to conduct additional conversations with the State and UConn Police. By consensus the Steering Committee agreed to endorse Alternative Two, the Enhanced Trooper Model.

Ms. Moran moved and Ms. Lindsey seconded to move, to accept the Mansfield Police Services Study dated January 30, 2012 and to endorse the recommendation of the Police Services Study Steering Committee, which recommendation is as follows:

- Implement Alternative Two, the Enhanced Resident Trooper Model, in planned and phased manner over a period of years;
- Attempt to re-negotiate the contract with the Connecticut State Police to provide the Town with a more direct role in setting priorities, approach to policing and selection of staff;
- Plan and provide adequate space for the Mansfield Trooper's Office (capital improvement project);
- Research the feasibility of utilizing seasonal troopers and/or part-time town officers to help address workload issues during peak periods (fall/spring);
- Continue to partner and work cooperatively with the UCONN Police Department; and
- Continue to periodically assess the Town's police services needs (3-5 years).

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Council members discussed the cost, available office space, and the possibility of adding part-time troopers during peak periods. The exact rate of adding troopers will be determined during the budget process.

Motion to approve the recommendation passed unanimously.

Mayor Paterson thanked Windsor Police Chief Kevin Searles and all the other Committee members for their work on this project.

## 2. Revisions to the Ethics Ordinance

Personnel Committee Chair Toni Moran reviewed the most recent changes to the proposed Ethics Ordinance. In response to a public comment, Mr. Shapiro reminded members the procedures for changing Town ordinances are governed by the Charter.

Ms. Moran moved to schedule a public hearing for 7:45 p.m. at the Town Council's regular meeting on February 14, 2012, to solicit public comment regarding the proposed revisions to the Ethics Ordinance.

Motion passed unanimously.

## IV. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Paulhus moved and Mr. Shapiro seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk